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Application Number	10/002,763
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First Named Inventor	Mary Ann Caneba
Art Unit	3671
Examiner Name	Arpad F. Kovacs
Attorney Docket Number	

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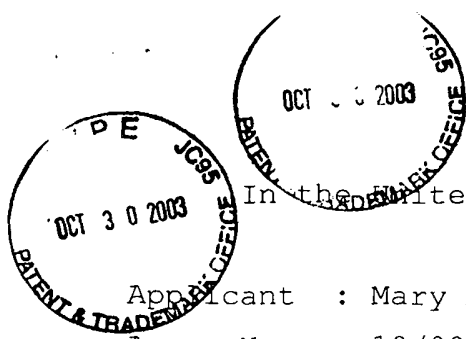
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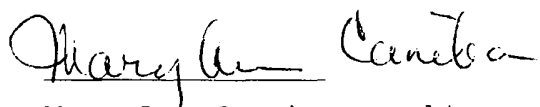
The applicant is submitting the following in compliance with the RCE on the above referenced patent application:

1. Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
2. Small entity fee of \$375
3. Claim Amendment - enclosed
4. Specification Amendment - enclosed

5. Remarks/Arguments - enclosed
6. Corrected Drawings - enclosed but filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Drawing Review Branch

A previous title amendment was requested in the response to the First Office Action sent April 30, 2003. Subsequent communication between the Examiner and the applicant did not indicate whether the change was entered or not. The applicant requests that such title amendment not be entered if it has not yet been done and if already entered, please consider this a request to reverse the amendment to the original Picking Rake title, subject to the approval of the Examiner.

Sincerely yours,



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